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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 2468

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SUBJECT: VN REFUGEES ABOARD ROC FISHING BOAT "TA HAI YANG"

REF: A. STATE 104939 (052350Z MAY 75)

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REF A, CHARGE INFORMED VICE FONMIN TSAI WEI-PING THAT WE WILL BE UNABLE ACCEPT REFUGEES NOW ABOARD ROC FISHING BOAT. TSAI ACCEPTED THIS INFORMATION WITHOUT STRONG OBJECTION, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME OF REFUGEES WILL LATER BE ABLE TO ENTER US AS QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS OR ON BASIS THEIR FORMER CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM. WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT ROC AUTHORITIES WILL QUESTION REFUGEES CAREFULLY FOR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO QUALIFY FOR ENTRY INTO U.S.

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2. SPEAKING MORE BROADLY ABOUT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM ON TAIWAN TSAI SAID THAT THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 4,000 REFUGEES HERE FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. MOST OF THEM ARE OVERSEAS CHINESE, BUT ARE NONETHELESS GENUINE REFUGEES. TSAI FEARS THAT OVERSEAS CHINESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES MAY DESIRE TO COME TO TAIWAN IF THEY CANNOT GO TO THE U.S., AND SAID THAT TAIWAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. SOME VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL STATIONED IN ASIA (NO AMBASSADORS) HAVE EXPRESSED A DEISRE TO COME TO TAIWAN, TSAI SAID.

3. GROC IS MOVING VERY SLOWLY IN ORGANIZING MANAGEMENT OF REFUGEE PROBLEM. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED, BUT EXECUTIVE QMAN HAS NOT YET APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO FINANCE REFUGEE EFFORTS. WITH REGARD TO 1,000 ETHNIC CHINESE REFUGEES ABOARD ROC LST'S NOW AT SUBIC, TSAI ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM TEMPORARILY AT CCK SHOULD GROC FACILITIES NOW BEING PREPARED PROVE INADEQUATE. CHARGE REPLIED THAT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

4. SINCE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SEVERAL CONFLICTING ORDERS GIVEN TO FISHING BOAT. MND INFORMED TDC THAT THE BOAT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PUT IN AT SUBIC AND DISCHARGE REFUGEES THERE. SUBSEQUENTLY MND INFORMED TDC THAT BOAT IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SAIL DIRECTLY TO KAOSIUNG. TSAI TOLD CHARGE'S IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THAT BOAT IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT CONTACT A U.S. SHIP AT SEA AND TRANSFER REFUGEES TO THE U.S. SHIP. REFTELS ARE BEING REPEATED TO EMBASSY MANILA, COMNAVPHIL, CINCPACFLT AND COMSEVENTHFLT.  
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